

In re Appln. of O'Neill et al.
Application No. 09/623,303

REMARKS

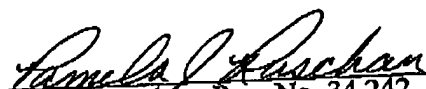
Pending Claims

Claims 18, 20, and 22 – 34 are pending in this application, dependent claim 34 having been added by way of this amendment. No new matter is added by way of this amendment.

Conclusion

The application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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